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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
TETSUYOSHI ISHIWATA et al.) Examiner: Kris Pelham Mayo
Application No.: 09/090,672) Group Art Unit: 1633
Filed: June 4, 1998)
For: IgA NEPHROPATHY-RELATED)
GENES) March 3, 2000

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

Applicants respond to the Official Action dated
February 15, 2000 (Paper No. 8) in the above-identified
application, as follows.

REMARKS

In the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner
required that Applicants elect for prosecution one of the
inventions of:

Group I (Claims 1-5, 7, 10-13, 18 and 19), drawn to
nucleic acids, method of using nucleic acids for
detecting mRNA of an IgA nephropathy-related gene,
an IgA nephropathy-related gene, an IgA nephropathy
diagnostic agent, an IgA nephropathy therapeutic
agent, vector, host cell, transformant, and method



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